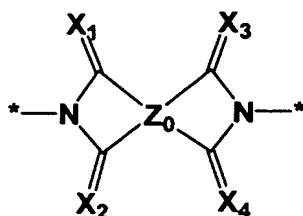


AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

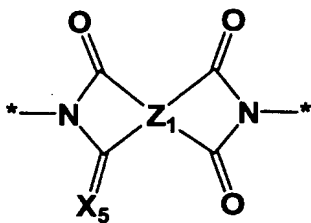
1. (Original) A compound having a structure wherein structural units represented by the general formula (1) are bonded to one another without a linking group,



... (1)

wherein, in the formula, X₁ to X₄ each independently represent an oxygen atom, a sulfur atom or NR₀ (wherein R₀ represents a hydrogen atom, or a substituted or unsubstituted monovalent organic group); Z₀ represents a tetravalent organic group; and * represents a bonding position.

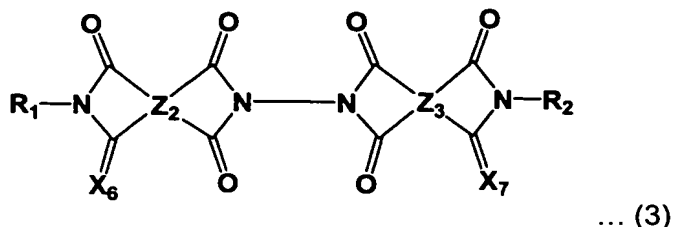
2. (Original) The compound according to claim 1, comprising structural units represented by the general formula (2),



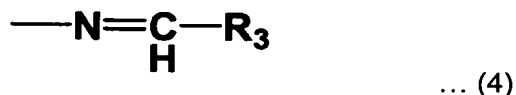
... (2)

wherein, in the formula, Z₁ represents a tetravalent organic group; X₅ represents an oxygen atom, a sulfur atom or NR₀ (wherein R₀ represents a hydrogen atom, or a substituted or unsubstituted monovalent organic group); and * represents a bonding position.

3. (Currently Amended) The compound according to claim 1-~~or~~2, represented by the general formula (3),



wherein, in the formula, Z₂ and Z₃ each independently represent a tetravalent organic group constituting a tetracarboxylic acid and its derivatives; X₆ and X₇ each independently represent an oxygen atom, a sulfur atom or NR₀ (wherein R₀ represents a hydrogen atom, or a substituted or unsubstituted monovalent organic group); when X₆ is a nitrogen atom, X₆ may be bonded to R₁ for forming a ring structure; when X₇ is a nitrogen atom, X₇ may be bonded to R₂ for forming a ring structure; and R₁ and R₂ each independently represent a hydrogen atom, a substituted or unsubstituted aryl group, a substituted or unsubstituted alkyl group, a substituted or unsubstituted cycloalkyl group, a substituted or unsubstituted aralkyl group or a group selected from the group consisting of the following general formula (4),



wherein, in the formula, R₃ represents a substituted or unsubstituted aryl group, a substituted or unsubstituted alkyl group, or a substituted or unsubstituted cycloalkyl group.

4. (Currently Amended) An electrophotographic photoconductor containing at least one kind of the compounds as described in claim 1 ~~any one of claims 1 to 3~~.
5. (Currently Amended) An organic transistor containing at least one kind of the compounds as described in claim 1 ~~any one of claims 1 to 3~~.
6. (Currently Amended) An organic solar cell containing at least one kind of the compounds as described in claim 1 ~~any one of claims 1 to 3~~.
7. (Currently Amended) An organic electroluminescent device containing at least one kind of the compounds as described in claim 1 ~~any one of claims 1 to 3~~.